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THE AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

Discussion Questions

Direction: After viewing the video, answer the following questions. Use the back of this sheet if necessary.

1. What were the connections between industrialization, the rise of big business, and the advent of the modern corporation?
2. How did industrialization, the rise of big business, and the advent of the modern corporation affect living standards and opportunity for the upper strata of society?
3. How did industrialization, the rise of big business, and the advent of the modern corporation affect living standards and opportunity for the lower strata of society?
4. What was Social Darwinism? How was it used during the American industrial revolution?
5. What effect did geography have on the makeup of different cities in different parts of the country?
6. How did urban political machines gain power and how did immigrants, middle-class reformers, and political bosses view them?
7. Describe the beginnings of the American labor movement. What factors contributed to its rise and growth? What are the roles of the labor movement in today's business environment?
8. What was the gender and ethnic diversity of farmers, miners, railroad workers, and ranchers in the West? How did this diversity contribute to growing cultural unrest in the growing cities?
9. Describe how agriculture, mining, and ranching were transformed by the industrial revolution. What role did oil play in this process?

Visual Summary: The Second Industrial Revolution

